IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph 25 as follows:

[0025] The target portfolio, i.e., data regarding the target portfolio, of the investment portfolio identified as a candidate for rebalancing may then be retrieved at 110, e.g., from an investment portfolio database. As noted above, the target portfolio may be defined with regard to the allocation of particular types of securities. In this instance, the target portfolio data set includes data regarding the allocation of securities. In one embodiment, the target portfolio is defined in terms of particular securities. In this instance, the target portfolio data set includes a securities identifier, quantity, etc. For example, the target portfolio may be defined to include 35 shares of A corp. stock, 100 shares of B, ~~42~~ 17 of D, 66 of E, of 21 F, and 100 of M. The target portfolio may be expressed as a vector with each of its elements representing the number of shares of the according stock position, as shown in Table A.

Please replace Table A at page 8, lines 13-14, with the new table:

A	B	D	E	F	M	O
35	100	17	66	21	100	0

Table A

Please replace Table B at page 8, lines 23-24, with the new table:

A	B	D	E	F	M	O
0	0	42	66	21	116	43

Table B